

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 711

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Fort Campbell Warrior Transition Battalion for their meritorious service to our troops.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, American citizens have, throughout the years, willingly forsaken the comforts and securities of inaction by taking up arms against the enemies of this great Nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, proudly upholding the ideal of the citizen soldier, an essential tradition of American society, gallant soldiers are serving in the Middle East, and around the globe on our behalf, boldly and without hesitation or complaint, just as they have left behind the enduring warmth of family and home; and

WHEREAS, as these valiant soldiers return to the home front, they often face serious reintegration challenges, but one remarkable program has been established to provide them with the support they need to successfully transition back to their unit or into civilian life; and

WHEREAS, activated on June 28, 2007, the Fort Campbell Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB) expertly provides command and control, primary medical management, risk mitigation, and comprehensive transition planning to facilitate the medical, social, and professional rehabilitation of America's finest soldiers; and

WHEREAS, consisting of five companies, as well as a headquarters element, the WTB is organized to support 800 warriors in transition; and

WHEREAS, these troops receive the highest priority in medical care and are treated in one of the Army's top medical facilities by a world-class medical team that includes both military and civilian doctors; and

WHEREAS, primary care managers, nurse case managers, and other clinical support functions are organized by company/case load population in order to provide one-stop care for routine medical appointments and enhanced coordination of care; and

WHEREAS, WTB also works closely with the VA Coordinator to facilitate appointments at each respective facility for warriors who transition to the VA System; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its worthy mission, a modern WTB complex was opened on November 15, 2011; the four-story barracks building houses 206 soldiers and is fully equipped to provide our heroes with every possible transition tool they could need, including an invigorating wheel chair obstacle course and a tranquil healing garden; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we specially recognize this noble institution and its patriotic support for our troops, bringing aid and comfort to those who have risked everything to defend our freedom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Fort Campbell Warrior Transition Battalion on their outstanding efforts to provide timely and effective transition services to our military men and women and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success with the program and in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.